Amendments to the Claims:

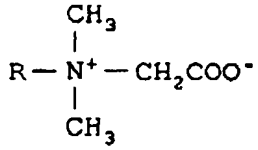
This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Original) An oil-based ink composition for a ballpoint pen, comprising at least a coloring material, a resin and a solvent selected from the group consisting of an alcohol, a polyhydric alcohol and a glycol ether each having a vapor pressure of 0.001 mmHg or more at 25°C as a main solvent which occupies 50% or more of an entire solvent and, further, satisfying at least one of the following (a) to (c)

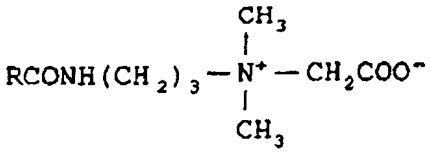
(a) further comprising a phosphoric acid ester neutralized material and polypropylene glycol;

(b) further comprising a chemical substance represented by the following chemical structure (1) or (2):



(1)

wherein R represents an alkyl group having from 10 to 30 carbon atoms; or



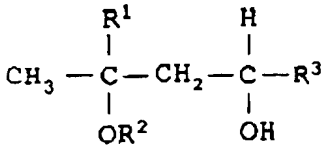
(2)

wherein R represents an alkyl group having from 10 to 30 carbon atoms; and

(c) while a solvent selected as the main solvent from the group consisting of an alcohol, a polyhydric alcohol and a glycol ether each having no aromatic ring in a molecular structure occupies 50% by weight or more of an entire solvent, further comprising a phosphoric acid ester neutralized mixture and, still further comprising an additional solvent

selected from the group consisting of an alcohol, a polyhydric alcohol and a glycol ether each having an aromatic ring in an amount, based on an entire weight of the ink composition, of from 0.1 to 15% by weight.

2. (Original) The oil-based ink composition for a ballpoint pen, according to Claim 1, wherein the glycol ether is a solvent represented by the following chemical structure (3):



(3)

wherein R^1, R^2 and R^3 each independently represent H or CH_3.

3. (Currently Amended) The oil-based ink composition for a ballpoint pen, according to Claim 1 ~~or 2~~, wherein the glycol ether is at least one type selected from the group consisting of: propylene glycol monomethyl ether, 1,3-butanediol, 3-methoxy-1-butanol and 3-methyl-3-methoxy-1-butanol.

4. (Currently Amended) The oil-based ink composition for a ballpoint pen, according to **Claim 1** ~~any one of Claims 1 to 3~~, wherein the main solvent is contained in an amount, based on an entire solvent, of 60% by weight or more.

5. (Currently Amended) The oil-based ink composition for a ballpoint pen, according to **Claim 1** ~~any one of Claims 1 to 4~~, wherein the main solvent is contained in an amount, based on an entire solvent, of 70% by weight or more.

6. (Currently Amended) The oil-based ink composition for a ballpoint pen, according to **Claim 1** ~~any one of Claims 1 to 5~~, wherein the phosphoric acid ester neutralized material is contained in an amount, based on an entire weight of the ink composition, of from 0.01 to 15% by weight.

7. (Currently Amended) The oil-based ink composition for a ballpoint pen, according to **Claim 1** ~~any one of Claims 1 to 6~~, wherein the polypropylene glycol has a

molecular weight of 1,000 or more and is added in an amount of 0.01% by weight to 10% by weight.

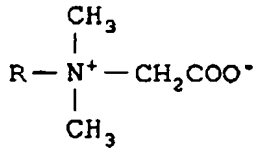
8. (Currently Amended) The oil-based ink composition for a ballpoint pen, according to **Claim 1** ~~any one of Claims 1 to 7~~, wherein the coloring material is a pigment, or a pigment and a dye in combination.

9. (Currently Amended) The oil-based ink composition for a ballpoint pen, according to **Claim 1** ~~any one of Claims 1 to 8~~, wherein an amount of the chemical substance represented by the chemical structure (1) or (2) to be added is, based on the ink composition, from 0.5% by weight to 10% by weight.

10. (Original) The oil-based ink composition for a ballpoint pen, according to Claim 9, further comprising a mixture of a phosphoric acid ester and an amine-type compound.

11. (Original) An oil-based ink composition for a ballpoint pen comprising at least a coloring material, a resin, a phosphoric acid ester neutralized material, and polypropylene glycol, and further comprising a solvent selected from the group consisting of an alcohol, a polyhydric alcohol and a glycol ether each having a vapor pressure of 0.001 mmHg or more at 25°C as a main solvent which occupies 50% or more of an entire solvent.

12. (Original) An oil-based ink composition for a ballpoint pen comprising at least a coloring material, a resin, and a chemical substance represented by the following chemical structure (1) or (2), and further comprising a solvent selected from the group consisting of an alcohol, a polyhydric alcohol and a glycol ether each having a vapor pressure of 0.001 mmHg or more at 25°C as a main solvent which occupies 50% or more of an entire solvent:



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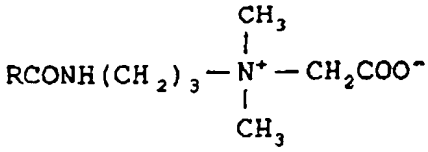

(2)

wherein R represents an alkyl group having from 10 to 30 carbon atoms.

13. (Original) An oil-based ink composition for a ballpoint pen comprising at least a solvent selected from the group consisting of an alcohol, a polyhydric alcohol and a glycol ether each having a vapor pressure of 0.001 mmHg or more at 25°C and having no aromatic ring in a molecular structure as a main solvent which occupies 50% or more of an entire solvent and, further, a coloring material, a resin, a phosphoric acid ester neutralized mixture and, still further, an additional solvent selected from the group consisting of an alcohol, a polyhydric alcohol and a glycol ether each having an aromatic ring in an amount, based on an entire weight of the ink composition, of from 0.1 to 15% by weight.

14. (Currently Amended) An oil-based ballpoint pen, containing an oil-based ink composition according to **Claim 1** ~~**any one of Claims 1 to 13**~~ in a refill.

15. (Original) The oil-based ballpoint pen according to Claim 14, further containing an ink follower in a rear of the ink in the refill.